

Message Text

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 USUN N 04822 01 OF 02 160311Z

70

ACTION IO-14

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 EA-11 ISO-00 AF-10 ARA-16 NEA-10 RSC-01

CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10

PA-04 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20 USIA-15 ACDA-19 DRC-01

NIC-01 /185 W

----- 008769

R 160214Z NOV 73

FM USMISSION USUN NY

TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1170

INFO AMEMBASSY SEOUL

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE

AMEMBASSY LONDON

AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON

AMEMBASSY OTTAWA

AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

UNCLAS SECTION 1 OF 2 USUN 4822

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: PFOR KS KN UN

SUBJ: KOREA IN 28TH GA: SCALI STATEMENT OF NOV 15

FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT DELIVERED BY AMB SCALI
NOV 15 IN FIRST COMITE DEBATE:

WE ARE DISCUSSING THE SITUATION IN KOREA, AN ITEM WHICH
HAS BEEN ON THE AGENDA OF THE UNITED NATIONS IN ONE WAY
OR ANOTHER SINCE 1947. WE ARE PRESENTED IN THIS TWENTY-
EIGHTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY WITH AN HISTORIC OPPORTUNITY TO
MAKE FUNDAMENTAL PROGRESS TOWARD RESOLVING THE PROBLEMS
THAT HAVE DEFIED US FOR SO LONG.

I MUST FRANKLY ADMIT TO SOME DISAPPOINTMENT AT THE TONE OF
MUCH OF THE DEBATE THUS FAR. I THINK WE SHOULD ALL REMEMBER
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 USUN N 04822 01 OF 02 160311Z

THAT, WHATEVER THE POSITIONS WE, THE VARIOUS MEMBERS OF

THE UNITED NATIONS, MAY TAKE WITH RESPECT TO THIS COMPLEX PROBLEM, THE KOREAN PENINSULA IS AN AREA WHERE MANY THOUSANDS OF MEN OF MANY NATIONALITIES HAVE FOUGHT, BLED AND DIED IN LOYALTY TO THE DIFFERENT PURPOSES OR CONFLICTING OBJECTIVES THEY AND THEIR COUNTRIES WERE SERVING. WE ARE DEALING HERE WITH MOST SENSITIVE HUMAN AND POLITICAL PROBLEMS, PROBLEMS THAT HAVE BEEN HALLOWED BY THE SACRIFICES OF OUR FELLOWMEN ON BOTH SIDES OF THE ISSUE. IT SEEMS TO ME THAT WE OWE IT TO THE MEMORY OF THOSE ON BOTH SIDES TO DEAL WITH THE SPECIAL MATTER BEFORE US IN A SPIRIT OF DIGNITY, OF RESTRAINT AND WITH COMPASSION.

SOME OF THE SPEECHES WE HAVE ALREADY HEARD WERE REGRETTABLY FULL OF GROSS DISTORTION AND INTEMPERATE LANGUAGE. THIS ONE-SIDED RHETORIC WAS HARDLY IN KEEPING WITH A SUBTITLE OF THE ITEM BEFORE US: CREATION OF FAVORABLE CONDITIONS TO ACCELERATE THE INDEPENDENT AND PEACEFUL REUNIFICATION OF KOREA. UNHAPPILY, IT SEEMS THE FASHION OF SOME OF OUR MEMBERS TO INDULGE THEMSELVES IN THIS KIND OF ABUSIVE ORATORY AS STANDARD FARE. I HAVE NO INTENTION OF REPLYING IN KIND OR IN REFUTING IN DETAIL THE DISTORTIONS OF FACT AND HISTORY WHICH OTHERS HAVE SOUGHT TO PUT BEFORE US AS REPRESENTING TRUTH.

LET ME SAY INSTEAD: I AM IMPRESSED WITH THE POSITIVE APPROACH TAKEN THIS MORNING BY THE DISTINGUISHED FOREIGN MINISTER OF KOREA. MINISTER KIM WAS CONSTRUCTIVE AND CONCILIATORY, NOT CONTENTIOUS. HE LOOKED FORWARD TOWARD PEACE AND REUNIFICATION, NOT BACKWARD TOWARD CONFRONTATION AND DIVISION.

I HAVE NOTED THAT ONE SPEAKER YESTERDAY TOLD US OF THE WISHES AND DESIRES OF -- AND I QUOTE HIM -- "THE ENTIRE KOREAN PEOPLE." IT IS NOT CLEAR TO ME WHO HAS AUTHORIZED ANOTHER DELEGATION TO SPEAK "FOR THE ENTIRE KOREAN PEOPLE." IS NOT THE PRINCIPLE BEHIND THIS ASSEMBLY'S INVITATION TO THE TWO FOREIGN MINISTERS THAT THEY ARE THEREBY ENABLED TO SPEAK FOR "THE ENTIRE KOREAN PEOPLE?" I THINK IT WOULD BE BEST TO LET THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE TWO PARTS OF KOREA SPEAK FOR THEMSELVES.

UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 USUN N 04822 01 OF 02 160311Z

MY DELEGATION SEES NO PROFIT FOR ANYONE IN REFIGHTING THE KOREAN WAR EACH YEAR HERE IN THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY. THE UNITED NATIONS ARCHIVES POSSESS A VAST LIBRARY OF SPEECHES AND DOCUMENTS BEARING WITNESS TO THOSE SAD EVENTS OF THE PAST.

I THINK IT PROFITS US LITTLE TO LISTEN TO UNINFORMED OR BIASED ACCOUNTS OF THE ORIGINS AND RESOLUTION OF THAT

CONFLICT. THERE ARE, I KNOW, COUNTRIES WHERE HISTORY
CAN BE REWRITTEN TO SUIT THE NEEDS OF THE MOMENT, BUT THE
PAST REMAINS UNCHANGED. THE REAL FACTS ARE UNCHALLENGEABLE.

THE UNITED NATIONS BROUGHT PEACE TO KOREA, AND HAS
CONTRIBUTED TO IS MAINTENANCE FOR TWENTY YEARS. IS THERE
ANY STATE REPRESENTED HERE TODAY WHICH IS IN A POSITION
TO GUARANTEE, GIVEN THE CURRENT STATE OF RELATIONS BETWEEN
THE PARTIES CONCERNED, THAT THIS PEACE WOULD BE MAINTAINED
WITHOUT THE UNITED NATIONS? I THINK NOT.

CERTAINLY THE SITUATION IN KOREA HAS CHANGED GREATLY
FOR THE BETTER IN THE PAST SEVERAL YEARS. IN 1971 THE
REPUBLIC OF KOREA INITIATED TALKS BETWEEN ITS RED CROSS
SOCIETY AND THAT OF NORTH KOREA. IN 1972, AGAIN ON THE
INITIATIVE OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, TALKS WERE OPENED
BETWEEN THE TWO GOVERNMENTS. THESE NEGOTIATIONS CULMINATED
IN THE JOINT COMMUNIQUE ON JULY 4 OF THAT YEAR IN WHICH
BOTH SIDES AGREED TO WORK FOR THE ULTIMATE REUNIFICATION
OF KOREA BY PEACEFUL MEANS, AND TO ESTABLISH A JOINT
COORDINATING COMMITTEE FOR THAT PURPOSE.

IN RECOGNITION OF THESE PROMISING STEPS, THE UNITED
NATIONS COMMISSION ON THE UNIFICATION OF KOREA HAS RECOMMENDED
THAT ITS MANDATE BE TERMINATED. MY DELEGATION BELIEVES
THIS RECOMMENDATION SHOULD BE ACCEPTED. MY DELEGATION PAYS
SPECIAL TRIBUTE TO THE MEMBERS OF UNCURK, FOR THE
VALUABLE AND HONORABLE SERVICE THEY HAVE PERFORMED;
PERFORMED SO WELL, IN FACT, AS TO ELIMINATE THE NEED FOR
THE CONTINUATION OF THE COMMISSION.

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 01 USUN N 04822 02 OF 02 160329Z

70

ACTION IO-14

INFO OCT-01 EUR-25 EA-11 ISO-00 AF-10 ARA-16 NEA-10 RSC-01

CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-07 H-03 INR-10 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-10

PA-04 PRS-01 SPC-03 SS-20 USIA-15 ACDA-19 DRC-01

NIC-01 /185 W

----- 008959

R 160214Z NOV 73
FM USMISSION USUN NY
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1171
INFO AMEMBASSY SEOUL
AMEMBASSY TOKYO
AMEMBASSY THE HAGUE
AMEMBASSY LONDON
AMEMBASSY WELLINGTON
AMEMBASSY OTTAWA
AMEMBASSY BANGKOK
AMEMBASSY CANBERRA

UNCLAS SECTION 2 OF 2 USUN 4822

ALL THIS REPRESENTS PROGRESS TO A DEGREE THAT FEW WOULD HAVE BELIEVED POSSIBLE A SHORT TIME AGO. BUT LET US NOT DELUDE OURSELVES. THE SITUATION ON THE KOREAN PENINSULA IS NOT NORMAL. WE WOULD NOT BE HERE DISCUSSING IT IF IT WERE. NORTH AND SOUTH KOREA ARE DIVIDED BY A DEMILITARIZED ZONE, NOT A NORMAL INTERNATIONAL BOUNDARY. THE ARMISTICE AGREEMENT INSURES RESPECT FOR THIS ZONE. THE ARMISTICE IN TURN IS MONITORED BY A MILITARY ARMISTICE COMMISSION, WHICH IS COMPRISED OF THE KOREAN PEOPLES ARMY, THE CHINESE PEOPLES VOLUNTEERS AND THE UN COMMAND, THE THREE SIGNATORIES OF THE ARMISTICE. SUCH A STRUCTURE MAY NOT BE THE IDEAL ONE TO PERSERVE PEACE AND FOSTER RECONCILIATION IN KOREA, BUT IT WOULD BE FOOLHARDY IN THE EXTREME TO IMPAIR ITS OPERATION BEFORE A BETTER ALTERNATIVE IS PUT IN TIS PLACE. MY GOVERNMENT STANDS READY TO WORK WITH THE PARTIES CONCERNED, AND THE MEMBERS OF THE SECURITY COUNCIL TO SEE WHETHER
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 02 USUN N 04822 02 OF 02 160329Z

AN IMPROVED ARRANGEMENT CAN INDEED BE DEvised.

TO CLEAR UP ONE POSSIBLE MISCONCEPTION, I SHOULD NOTE THAT UNITED STATES MILITARY FORCES ARE STATIONED IN KOREA ON THE BASIS OF A BILATERAL AGREEMENT BETWEEN THE U.S. AND THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 51 OF THE UNITED NATIONS CHARTER. WE ARE READY TO WITHDRAW THESE FORCES ANYTIME AT THE REQUEST OF THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, OR WHENEVER THE CONDITIONS FOR A LASTING PEACE IN THE AREA HAVE BEEN FULFILLED.

WE NEED NOT DESPAIR OF CONDITIONS FOR SUCH A PEACE BEING FULFILLED. THE REPUBLIC OF KOREA, IN JUNE OF THIS YEAR, ANNOUNCED A CONSTRUCTIVE AND CONCILIATORY POLICY WHICH EVERYONE GENUINELY INTERESTED IN THE PEACEFUL UNIFICATION OF KOREA CAN ONLY APPLAUD.

MR. CHAIRMAN, IT IS A MATTER OF SINCERE REGRET TO MANY

THAT NORTH KOREA DOES NOT APPEAR TO BE READY TO ASSUME
THE PRIVILEGES AND RESPONSIBILITIES OF U.N. MEMBERSHIP
AT THIS TIME, DESPITE THE FACT THAT THEY RECENTLY INSISTED
ON OBSERVER STATUS IN OUR ORGANIZATION. BUT WE, AS REFLECTED IN
THE RESOLUTION WHICH WE ARE COSPONSORING, WOULD BE THE LAST
TO FORCE FULL MEMBERSHIP UPON THEM. HOWEVER, WE
BELIEVE ALL HERE WOULD WISH IT MADE CLEAR THAT THEIR
ABSENCE FROM THIS BODY IS SELF-IMPOSED, AND NOT A RESULT
OF ANY UNWILLINGNESS ON THE PART OF THE U.N.'S MEMBERSHIP
TO SEE THEM SITTING AMONG US.

FOR THE MANY REASONS I HAVE JUST CITED, MY DELEGATION
SUPPORTS THE DRAFT RESOLUTION CONTAINED IN DOCUMENT A/C.1/L.645.
THIS RESOLUTION REPRESENTS A SINCERE EFFORT ON THE PART OF
ALL ITS SPONSORS TO FRAME A CONSENSUS ACCEPTABLE TO THE
BROAD MASS OF THE UNITED NATIONS MEMBERSHIP. BOTH THIS
RESOLUTION'S TONE AND ITS CONTENT ARE REASONABLE. IN
PUTTING THIS DRAFT FORWARD, ITS SPONSORS ARE GENUINELY
SEEKING TO ENCOURAGE MOVEMENT ON THE KOREAN ISSUE IN A
DIRECTION ACCEPTABLE TO ALL PARTIES CONCERNED. I AM
CONFIDENT THAT THE GREAT MAJORITY OF US HERE FAVOR
CONCILIATION RATHER THAN CONFRONTATION. IT IS THIS POSITIVE
SPIRIT OF CONCILIATION WHICH HAS INSPIRED DRAFT RESOLUTION 645.
UNCLASSIFIED

UNCLASSIFIED

PAGE 03 USUN N 04822 02 OF 02 160329Z

UNQTE.
SCALI

UNCLASSIFIED

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: TERRITORIAL UNIFICATION, UNGA RESOLUTIONS, MEMBER ADMISSIONS, AMBASSADORS, SPEECHES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 16 NOV 1973
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: n/a
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: n/a
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment:
Disposition Date: 01 JAN 1960
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1973USUNN04822
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: n/a
From: USUN NEW YORK
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1973/newtext/t19731127/aaaaatyt.tel
Line Count: 254
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE
Office: ACTION IO
Original Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 5
Previous Channel Indicators:
Previous Classification: n/a
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: kellew0
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 20 AUG 2001
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <20-Aug-2001 by maustmc>; APPROVED <06-Feb-2002 by kellew0>
Review Markings:

Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
30 JUN 2005

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: KOREA IN 28TH GA: SCALI STATEMENT OF NOV 15 FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF STATEMENT DELIVERED BY AMB SCALI
TAGS: PFOR, KS, KN, UN, (SCALI, JOHN)
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 30 JUN 2005